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# SHORT-TERM TRAINING ASSESSMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES POLICY (AUSTRALIA)

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## Purpose

This policy applies to the assessment of eligible overseas-trained Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) trainees or specialists under the short-term training in a medical specialty pathway. Its guiding principles provide a fair, transparent, and accountable assessment process to determine eligibility for limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice in Australia.

## Background

The Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) is the specialist medical college accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and Medical Board of Australia (MBA) to assess the suitability of a training position for overseas-trained OMS trainees and specialists in compliance with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

## Definitions

RACDS / the College	the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
OMS	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
OTSS	Overseas Trained Specialist Subcommittee
IMG	International Medical Graduate
AHPRA	Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
AMC	Australian Medical Council
MBA	Medical Board of Australia
ECFMG	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate's
EPIC	Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials

## Policy Statement

### 1. SHORT-TERM TRAINING ASSESSMENT

#### 1.1. ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

1.1.1. Eligible international medical graduates (IMG) must first apply and accept a genuine short-term training position in Australia; verify their primary and specialist medical qualification(s) through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate's (ECFMG) Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials (EPIC); establish an online AMC Portfolio.

1.1.2. Then the IMG applies via email [omsimg@racds.org](mailto:omsimg@racds.org) to the RACDS for short-term training assessment by submitting the following requirements:

- a) Completed RACDS Short-Term Training Assessment Application Form (FOMS 16)
- b) Completed MBA/AHPRA Application for Assessment by a Medical College (AAMC-30 Part A)

- c) Certified copy of supporting documentation including a curriculum vitae, current passport, evidence of medical/specialist qualifications, training plan, supervision details, and signed statement of the applicant's intention to return to their country of training upon completion
- d) Payment of assessment fee

## 1.2. ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

1.2.1. The Overseas Trained Specialist Subcommittee (OTSS) of the Accreditation Committee advises the MBA on the following:

- a) whether the IMG appears to be a genuine specialist-in-training or internationally qualified specialist;
- b) the position that the IMG has applied for is a genuine training position that is appropriate for training requirements, and
- c) there is adequate supervision and support for the IMG's level of training and experience.

1.2.2. The OTSS of the Accreditation Committee does not assess the competence of the IMG applying for registration or decide whether to register a medical practitioner. Furthermore, it does not assess the IMG's training and experience for comparability to the standard of an OMS specialist trained in Australia and New Zealand.

## 1.3. ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

1.3.1. There are two possible outcomes of the assessment:

- a) The short-term training position is appropriate and is suitable for the IMG;  
or
- b) The short-term training position is not appropriate and is not suitable for the IMG.

1.3.2. The IMG may apply to the MBA for limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice if the training position is suitable. The MBA decides whether to grant registration.

## 1.4. NOTIFICATION OF OUTCOME

1.4.1. The OTSS will notify the MBA, AMC, employer/sponsor, and IMG of their recommendation within three months from submitting a complete application. The recommendation is valid within the scope and for the duration of the original application.

1.4.2. The IMG must apply for a change in circumstances to the MBA and RACDS when changing the designated training position, approved training plan, or

extending the specified training period.

## **2. APPEALS**

2.1. An IMG who is dissatisfied with the RACDS recommendation cannot appeal the decision following the RACDS Reconsideration, Review, and Appeals Policy.

## **3. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

3.1. This policy must be read with reference to the following:

- a) MBA Guidelines – Short-term training in a medical specialty for international medical graduates who are not qualified for general or specialist registration
- b) MBA Registration Standard – Limited registration for postgraduate training and supervised practice